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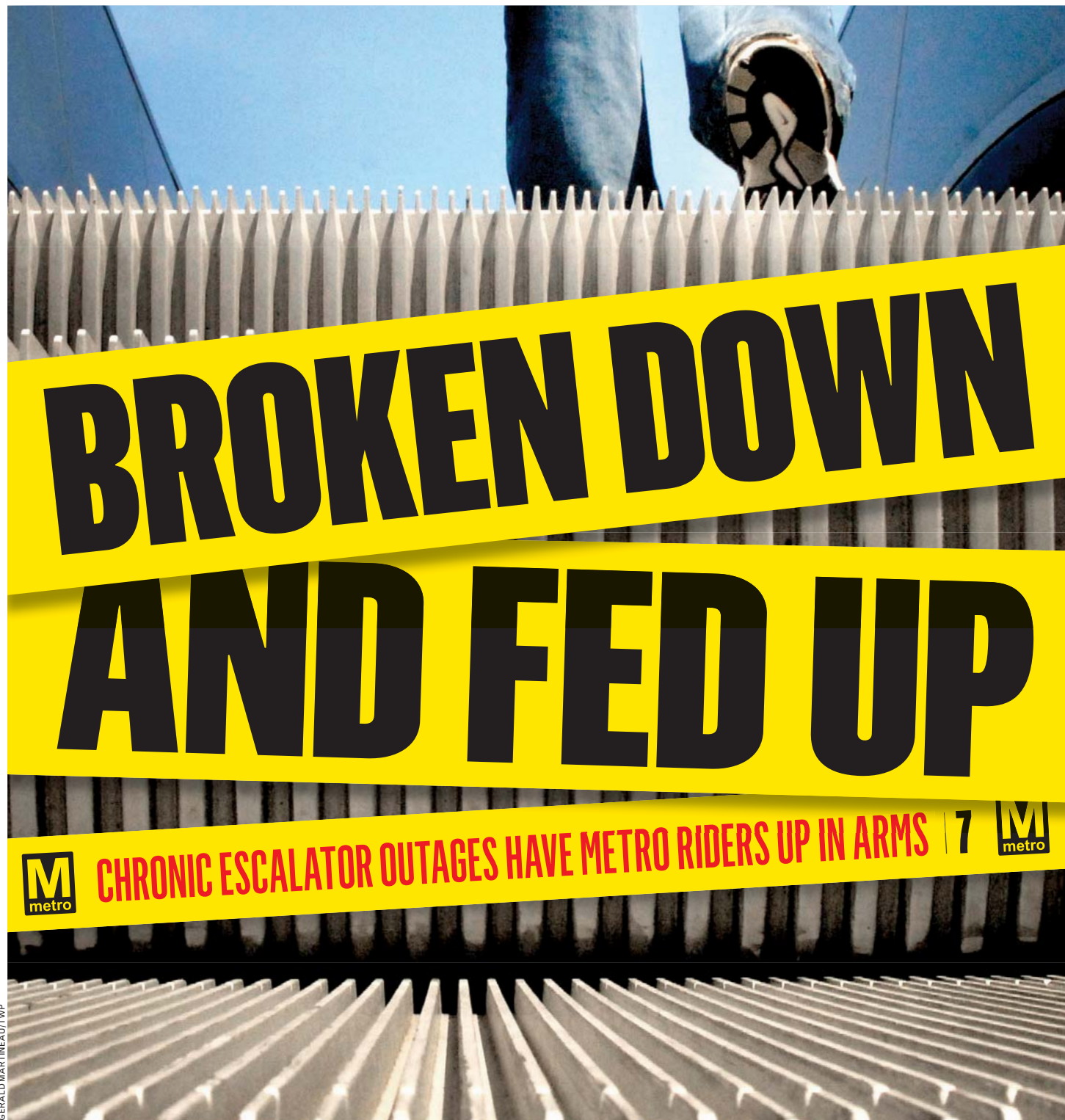
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Big Brother Is a Really Disgruntled Employee

Police say a man fired from a Texas auto dealership used an Internet service to remotely disable ignitions and set off car horns of more than 100 vehicles sold at his former workplace. Police say Omar Ramos-Lopez used the password of a former colleague. The dealership installs GPS devices that can prevent cars from starting. The system is used to repossess cars. (AP)

When You Gotta Spoon, You Just Gotta Spoon

A man broke into a Pittsburgh home and climbed into bed with its owner, apparently drunk and cold after a Jay-Z concert. Frank Fontana says the man climbed in about 5:30 a.m. Wednesday. Fontana asked whether it was a woman who has keys to his home, but a male voice answered, "No, it's not." Fontana kept the man at bay with a baseball bat until police arrived. (AP)

Carnegie Mellon Dadaist Club Strikes Again

Officials at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh are trying to determine how spray-painted chickens got into campus buildings. Beth McMaster, a wildlife rehabilitator, has been caring for nine birds removed from campus beginning on Saturday. One bird was spray-painted pink, another purple and others yellow. (AP)



The Big Picture



"PLASTINATOR" Gunther von Hagens presents the plastinated elephant "Samba" at Germany's Neunkirchen Zoo Thursday. Samba died in 2005 at this zoo and now returns for the world premiere of "Body Worlds of the Animals." Similar shows by von Hagens featuring human bodies have been worldwide hits. (EXPRESS)

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Obama Awaits Health Care Vote

President nixes trip as Democrats rally around compromise

Washington

House Democrats unveiled the latest changes to compromise health-care legislation Thursday and overcame a key procedural hurdle after President Obama postponed a trip to Asia so that he could remain in Washington for a crucial vote expected Sunday.

Congressional budget analysts said the deal between House and Senate Democrats would cost \$940 billion over the next decade and expand insurance coverage to 32 million more Americans.

After the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office reported its figures, the House turned aside a GOP effort to thwart Democratic plans to move the health care package through the chamber Sunday using a parliamentary procedure known as "deem and pass."

According to the CBO, the measure would make insurance available to an estimated 95 percent of



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi would not say Thursday whether Democrats have enough votes to pass a health care reform bill.

non-elderly citizens by expanding Medicaid and offering tax credits to an estimated 24 million Americans who would otherwise find it difficult to afford coverage.

The cost of expanding coverage would exceed \$200 billion a year by 2019, the CBO said. But new revenue in the package, combined with savings from program cuts, would outpace the cost of coverage, reducing the federal deficit by \$138 billion over the next

10 years. The savings would continue to accumulate in the decade thereafter, the CBO said, eventually slicing about \$1.2 trillion from the nation's budget gap.

Democratic leaders pronounced themselves positively "giddy" about the numbers and about the reaction from rank-and-file Democrats.

But Republicans said the CBO's score of the bill didn't make it any more palatable. "We're still going to spend a trillion dollars so we impose

government-run health care on the American people," said House Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi declined to say whether she has the 216 votes needed to push the measure to final passage. But House leaders pronounced themselves increasingly optimistic that they will deliver the package for Obama's signature this weekend. **PAUL KANE AND LORI MONTGOMERY (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

American Denies Link To Radicals

Philadelphia

A Pennsylvania woman accused of trolling the Internet as "Jihad Jane" denied in court Thursday



LaRose

that she sought to kill a Swedish artist targeted by radical Muslims or agreed to marry a terrorism suspect to help him get travel documents.

Colleen LaRose, 46, is accused of conspiring with fighters overseas and pledging to commit murder in the name of a Muslim holy war. She was arrested Oct. 15 returning to Philadelphia from Europe.

She denied to agents that she had used the screen name "Jihad Jane" or had sent messages that included fundraising appeals for the jihadist cause, according to the indictment. **MARYCLAIRE DALE (AP)**

Correction

An item published in Thursday's Express should have identified the Great Society as a set of domestic initiatives passed during President Lyndon Johnson's time in office.

MEDIA

CNN's Christiane Amanpour is ABC's choice to replace George Stephanopoulos as host of its Sunday morning political talk show "This Week." It's not clear whether Amanpour's hiring signals a change in direction for "This Week," a show that in the past has been heavy on politics and domestic policy. Amanpour is best known for her reporting from war zones for CNN. She has lately been host of a daily show on the CNN International network. (AP)

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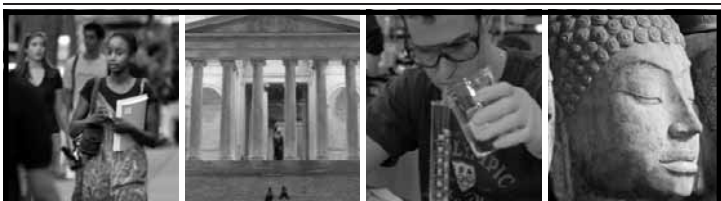
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Sanford to Pay \$74K Fine

S.C. governor agrees to ethics penalties as divorce is finalized

Columbia, S.C.

South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford has agreed to pay \$74,000 in fines to resolve dozens of charges that he violated state ethics laws with his campaign spending and travel, including a taxpayer-funded rendezvous with his Argentine mistress, the State Ethics Commission said Thursday.

The commission brought the 37 civil charges against the Republican last year. Sanford, who is term-limited and will leave office in January, still could face criminal charges.

Sanford said in a statement he thinks he would have been vindicated if the commission had heard



A South Carolina commission brought 37 charges against Gov. Mark Sanford.

the case, but didn't want to continue what he called "an endless media circus."

Scrutiny of Sanford's travel started over the summer, when the then-married governor vanished after telling some staff he was

going hiking on the Appalachian Trail. He was actually in Argentina, and he returned to tearfully confess a yearlong affair with a woman he later called his soul mate.

The agreement came within minutes of a judge's decision Thursday afternoon finalizing Sanford's divorce from his wife, Jenny Sanford.

Sanford was considered a potential 2012 presidential candidate until the bombshells about the affair. Ensuing AP investigations questioned his use of state, commercial and private airplanes, and bruised his image further.

After those investigations, the ethics panel charged him with improperly buying first- and business-class airline tickets; improperly using state-owned aircraft for travel to political and personal events; and improperly reimbursing himself with campaign cash.

MEG KINNARD (AP)

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Export Ban on Tuna Is Rejected

Japan, poorer nations defeat a proposal to conserve the fish

Doha, Qatar

Fishing nations won a victory over environmentalists Thursday when a U.S.-backed proposal to ban the export of Atlantic bluefin tuna was overwhelmingly rejected at a United Nations wildlife meeting.

Japan won over scores of poorer nations with a campaign that played on fears that a ban would devastate their economies. Tokyo also raised doubts that such a

radical move was scientifically sound.

In another blow to conservationists, a proposal at the meeting to ban the international sale of polar bear skins failed to pass.

With stocks of Atlantic bluefin tuna down 75 percent due to the rapacious appetites of Japanese sushi lovers, the defeat of the proposal was a stunning setback for the Americans, Europeans and their conservationist allies who had hoped the 175-nation Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, or CITES, would protect the fish.

“Let’s take science and throw



Insatiable Appetite

Atlantic bluefin tuna has been done in by the growing demand for raw tuna for traditional dishes such as sushi and sashimi. The bluefin variety—called “hon-maguro” in Japan—is particularly prized. A 440-pound Pacific bluefin tuna sold for a record \$220,000 last year. (AP)

it out the door,” Susan Lieberman, director of international policy with the Pew Environment Group in Washington, said sarcastically.

“It’s pretty irresponsible of the governments to hear the science and ignore the science,” she said. “Clearly, there was pressure from the fishing interests. The fish is too valuable for its own good.”

Japan, which imports 80 percent of the tuna, had lobbied delegates hard to kill the proposal. They even held a reception Wednesday night for uncertain delegates that included plenty of bluefin sushi. **MICHAEL CASEY (AP)**

In Brief



Sahil Saeed, center, sits with his parents after he returned to England.

LONDON

Kidnapped Boy Returns Home After Two Weeks

A 5-year-old British boy who was kidnapped and held in Pakistan for two weeks arrived safely back in Britain on Thursday after his parents paid \$152,000 in ransom. Sahil Saeed, who is of Pakistani origin, was snatched March 4 from his grandparents’ house in central Pakistan, where he was vacationing. The case has drawn in investigators from Britain, France, Spain and Pakistan. (AP)

PARIS

Political Icon Inducted Into Academie Francaise

Simone Veil, a French political icon who survived Nazi camps, was inducted



Veil

Thursday into the Academie Francaise—the sixth woman to cross the portals of the centuries-old institution. The name of Simone Veil, now 82, is synonymous with the battle that she spearheaded to legalize abortion in France. She has twice served as minister for health and social affairs, and became the first woman president of the European Parliament. (AP)

DOHA, QATAR

Sudan, Rebels Sign Truce

Sudan’s government and a collection of Darfur rebel groups signed a cease-fire Thursday—the second such deal in less than a month with a key rebel faction—opening the way for political negotiations ahead of a full peace agreement. The Sudanese government now has truces with two major rebel blocs, leaving out the Sudan Liberation Movement. (AP)

Gaza Rocket Kills Worker in Israeli Village

Gaza City, Gaza Strip

A rocket fired by Gaza militants smashed into a greenhouse in an Israeli border village Thursday, killing a Thai worker in the first such death since Israel’s massive offensive against Hamas-ruled Gaza more than a year ago.

The launch defied a long-standing ban by Hamas on such attacks and highlighted the growing challenge to the Islamic militant group from more radical rivals, firebrands inspired by al-Qaeda.

The rocket also raised the specter of Israeli retaliation and further conflagration at a time of renewed international focus on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Israel has drawn tough U.S. criticism in recent days for plans to build hundreds more homes for Jews in disputed east Jerusalem.

Major Mideast mediators—among them Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, European foreign policy chief Catherine



An Israeli police officer in Netiv Haasara, Israel, looks at the wreckage left by a rocket that was launched from the Gaza Strip.

Ashton and U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon—were to meet Friday in Moscow to seek a way forward after the row over Israel’s building plan derailed plans to start indirect Israeli-Palestinian

talks.

Ashton visited Gaza on Thursday, the first senior diplomat to set foot in the blockaded territory in more than a year. Half an hour after her convoy of white SUVs

entered Gaza, the rocket was fired into an Israeli communal farm on the Gaza border.

It slammed into a greenhouse, where it killed a foreign worker in his 30s from Thailand. **KARIN LAUB (AP)**

FEATS

A Switzerland-based private jet company says it will attempt to set a speed record for a round-the-world flight using a small aircraft weighing 9,000 to 12,000 kilograms. Sonnic SA claims its owner, Riccardo Mortara, will try Friday to circle the globe in less than 67 hours, 1 minute, 10 seconds to beat a 2006 record set by U.S. adventurer Steve Fossett, who flew alone and nonstop. Mortara will have two co-pilots and make 10 refueling stops. (AP)



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World



Hillary Clinton speaks during a news conference in Moscow on Thursday.

U.S., Russia Clash Over Iran Plant

Moscow

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and her Russian counterpart clashed openly Thursday over the planned startup this summer of Iran's first, Russian-built nuclear power plant, highlighting a split in views over how to steer Iran away from nuclear weapons.

Clinton did not criticize the long-delayed project directly but said the Obama administration is opposed to the timing of the plant's startup. Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin announced the summer startup plans on Thursday, shortly after Clinton arrived.

The nuclear plant is an example of Russian-Iranian economic ties and technical cooperation, on terms that have long made the U.S. uncomfortable. It was a background issue in the ongoing U.S.-led effort to bring new U.N. economic penalties against Iran over its nuclear program.

At a news conference with Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, Clinton told reporters that Iran, while entitled to the peaceful use of nuclear energy, must reassure the world that it is not trying to build a nuclear weapon.

"In the absence of those reassurances, we think it would be premature to go forward with any project at this time, because we want to send an unequivocal message to the Iranians," she said. **ROBERT BURNS (AP)**

The Long, Angry Climb

Metro riders can't believe it, but escalator problems appear to be getting worse

Washington

At the Friendship Heights Metro-rail station this week, commuters in raincoats hurried down one of two broken escalators to the platform to catch a rush-hour train, then bumped into one another as they boarded the crowded cars.

Lines of dozens of impatient commuters waited for a slow elevator at the station at Bethesda, where the 180-step escalators leading down into the station were out of service in recent weeks.

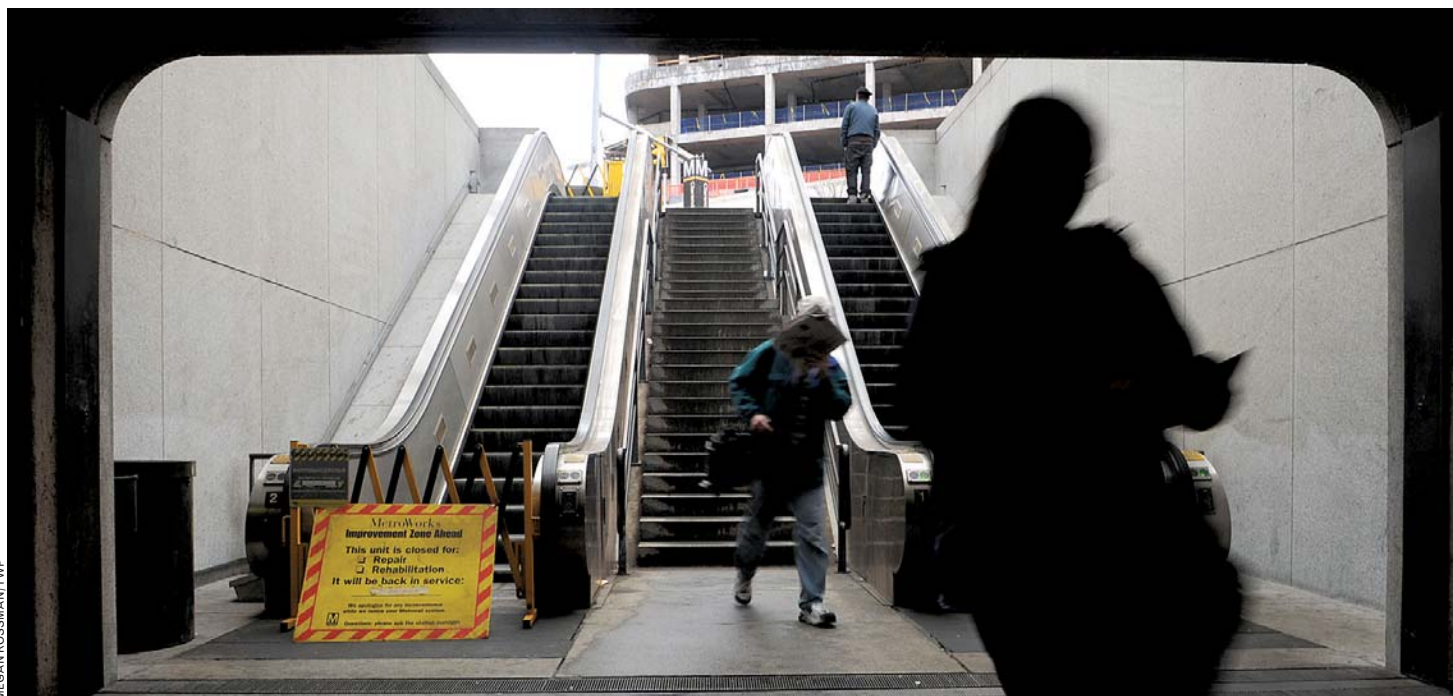
At the Huntington station, frequent escalator breakdowns are infuriating some daily riders. "This morning was a total farce!" an exasperated Stephen Johnson wrote in an e-mail to The Washington Post earlier this month. "I am tired of talk. I would like to see results."

Metro's chronic escalator outages — including 63 to 68 as of this week, depending on the day, or about 11 percent of the total 588 — has riders such as Johnson up in arms. According to data from Metro, the problem appears to be worsening. For example, the current rate of escalator outages, though only a snapshot, is higher than the average of 7 percent cited by Metro officials at a public hearing last year.

"As a longtime rider of the system, escalators are clearly a problem," said Mortimer Downey, one of two new federal members of the Metro board. "Escalators are an integral part of the passengers' ride and experience, and they need to be every bit as effective as the trains. They are not an amenity."

But frustrated passengers say Metro officials are largely unresponsive to their plight.

Metro officials including General Manager John B. Catoe Jr. and board Chairman Peter Benjamin "do not respond to my phone calls,"



Metro riders walk down stairs Monday to enter the Clarendon Metro station in Arlington. The station's escalator is currently out of order, as are many others in the system.

said Johnson, who has been campaigning for escalator improvements for the past two years.

In 2006, Metro launched a six-year, \$50 million program to overhaul 206 escalators, with each one taking two to three months to rehabilitate. In an article written in 2008, David Lacosse, director of Metro's Office of Elevator and Escalator Maintenance, said the reliability of escalators had improved from 2001, when an average of 11 percent were out of service, to 2007,

when an average of 6 percent were not functioning. The current outage report indicates that positive trend has not continued.

Many of Metro's escalators are exposed to weather and are particularly long given the depth of the system's underground tunnels; repairs often take months.

Compounding the problem, Metro officials say the escalators are so old that the companies that manufactured them are no longer in business. As a result, Metro

must find new suppliers to make the parts.

But that is no excuse for passengers such as Johnson, a retired Navy ship secretary who works as a civilian at the Pentagon. He said he is particularly upset seeing elderly passengers struggling up the broken escalators at the Huntington station.

"Maybe someone needs to have a heart attack to get the Metro folks' attention," he said. **ANN SCOTT TYSON (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

STEPS NOT TAKEN

In 2006, the Metro board commissioned a report on the feasibility of replacing some of the system's escalators with stairways.

THE PLAN: The report identified 23 escalators at 15 stations that would be candidates to become stairways based on their height and location.

THE COSTS: According to the report, switching those 23 systems to stairs would cost \$13.9 million, or \$604,440 per unit.

THE BENEFITS: The report estimated that converting the 23 escalators to stairways would reduce Metro's operation budget by \$1.2 million per year and end the need for massive maintenance projects that would cost of \$4.5 million.

THE RESULT: The plan was swiftly shot down. (EXPRESS)

THE POINT MAN

The top Metro official in charge of escalators and elevators — David Lacosse — has since January rejected requests for interviews by The Washington Post. "He has made it clear to us that he has no interest in being interviewed," Metro spokeswoman Lisa Farbstein said in an e-mail. "He does not want to and we have

no authority to make him." In the past, Lacosse has called the escalator outages inevitable. "Mix hundreds of thousands of people and moving mechanical equipment together, and something is bound to go wrong," he said in an online chat in 2006. Fixing escalators is a time-consuming process, Lacosse said in the chat. He has stressed that no other transit agency in the U.S. has more "vertical transportation units" than Metro. (TWP)



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Local

Cheltenham Punishes 5

Youth detention site staff disciplined after Feb. death of teacher

Baltimore, Md.

Five employees of the state-run Cheltenham Youth Facility were either fired or disciplined after a review determined that security protocols were violated before and during the February killing of a teacher at the juvenile detention center for boys in Prince George's County.

The actions were announced Thursday by Donald W. DeVore, secretary of Maryland's Department of Juvenile Services.



ROBERT A. REEDER/TWP

A resident of Cheltenham Youth Facility is a suspect in the death of a teacher.

DeVore said admissions to the low-security Re-Direct program also have been suspended, and he has not ruled out permanently closing it.

He declined to name the affected employees but said two residential assistants were fired, a high-level administrator was demoted, and a supervisor and program manager were suspended.

A 13-year-old resident of the facility is a suspect in the homicide, according to law enforcement sources, but no one has been charged in the death of Hannah Wheeling, 65, of Bel Air. Her partially clothed body was found by another employee Feb. 18 outside a building at Cheltenham, and she appeared to have been beaten to death and sexually assaulted, law enforcement sources said. **MARY PAT FLAHERTY (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

Americans New and Old at Mount Vernon



TRACY A. WOODWARD/TWP

AFTER THE CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY at Mount Vernon on Thursday held by the U.S. Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Yafiet Gojela, 13, center, of Alexandria poses with Mary Wiseman, playing Martha Washington.

D.C. CFO Warns Against More City Borrowing

Washington

D.C. Chief Financial Officer Natwar M. Gandhi is cautioning the mayor and council against borrowing any more money for projects as the city gets closer to hitting its 12 percent debt cap.

A \$200 million budget gap remains for fiscal 2010, and a \$500 million gap looms for fiscal 2011. Mayor Adrian M. Fenty will release his fiscal 2011 budget April 1, and government employees are bracing for major cuts, from jobs to operations. At the same time, Fenty continues to push development projects. **NIKITA STEWART (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

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Kobe Bryant and the Lakers present a daunting challenge for the Wizards.

Friday

12:25 P.M. The second day of the NCAA tournament tips off with games including Xavier versus Minnesota and Purdue against Siena. CBS

7 P.M. Duke takes on Arkansas-Pine Bluff as the Big Dance's night session tips off, with Maryland playing Houston at 9:40 p.m. CBS

10 P.M. The woeful Wizards play the Portland Trail Blazers. CSN

Saturday

NOON The women's NCAA tournament begins. ESPN2

1 P.M. The Sweet 16 starts to come into focus with a full day of hoops. CBS

7:30 P.M. The Washington Capitals welcome Alex Ovechkin back from his suspension in time to visit the Tampa Bay Lightning. CSN

8:20 P.M. Georgetown's women's basketball team faces Marist in the NCAA tournament. ESPN2

Sunday

11:30 A.M. The field for the NCAA ice hockey tournament is set. ESPN2

NOON The second round of the NCAA men's tournament gets going early on Sunday. CBS

NOON NASCAR's Sprint Cup makes a pit stop in Bristol, Tenn., for the Food City 500. Fox

9:30 P.M. Don't expect a win from the Wizards against Kobe Bryant and the Lakers. CSN

Terrapins' Tough Road

Maryland goes west with hopes of a long run in the tourney

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When the Maryland players watched their school's name flash on the screen Sunday as the No. 4 seed in the Midwest Region, the reaction bore little resemblance to those hooting and hollering celebrations that erupted when other schools' reactions were shown on the ESPN telecast.

There were no TV cameras. There was some light clapping and little else. The team's three seniors stepped into the press room moments later, sans smiles, to talk about the tournament and Friday night's first-round matchup with No. 13 Houston in Spokane, Wash. The questions came streaming in. How do you feel? Are you excited? Ever been to Spokane?

"I've never been," guard Eric Hayes said. "This is probably the only situation where I'd ever go."

It was clear then that Hayes, Landon Milbourne and Greivis Vasquez, unlike a year ago, were not simply happy to be in the field. From an ACC afterthought when conference play began, the Terrapins (23-8) played increasingly better until they finished with a share of the conference title.

Along the way, the players said, they began to think that they could actually do some damage in March. But Maryland's bracket is tough.



Maryland's Eric Hayes and Landon Milbourne are looking to leave College Park on a high note. Their NCAA tournament challenge begins Friday night against Houston.

"We've been working hard since we got here for the first year. Now it's time to go. It's time for us to make it special."

— GREIVIS VASQUEZ, WHO ISN'T SATISFIED BY JUST MAKING THE TOURNAMENT.

Houston (19-5) is led by veteran coach Tom Penders. They play an aggressive perimeter game, and failing to shut down senior guard Aubrey Coleman (25.6 points per game) would be costly.

Should Maryland win on Friday, it'll likely face No. 5 Michigan State on Sunday. Many prognosticators are already picking the Spartans in a mild upset.

Bracket Close-Up



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5 Michigan State (24-8)
12 New Mexico St. (22-11)

SUNDAY

4 Maryland (23-8)
13 Houston (19-15)

OTHER GAMES TO WATCH

► **Midwest:** No. 7 Oklahoma State vs. No. 10 Georgia Tech, 7:15 p.m.

► **West:** No. 6 Xavier vs. No. 11 Minnesota, 12:25 p.m.

► **East:** No. 5 Temple vs. No. 12 Cornell, 12:30 p.m.

► **South:** No. 4 Purdue vs. No. 13 Siena, 2:30 p.m.

A year ago, the Terrapins won in the opening round before falling to Memphis. Hayes said he's determined not to let that happen again. "Last year, I think, we got complacent after that first win," he said.

The Terrapins are coming off a first-round loss in the ACC tournament in which they fell behind early and couldn't comeback. Milbourne said Maryland must start with intensity and aggressive defense to maximize its potential.

"The focus has to be there," he said. "We're trying to put as many banners on the ceiling as we can."

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Let there be night at the Big House. The University of Michigan announced on Thursday that it will play its first night game at its venerable football stadium in 2011 against Notre Dame. The Wolverines have played the Fighting Irish at night three times — losing in 1982, 1988 and 1990 by an average of four points at Notre Dame Stadium. But Michigan leads 21-15-1 in the all-time football series that started in 1887. (AP)

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Vasquez to Write His Final Chapter

Greivis Vasquez has ensured he will go down as an all-time great at the University of Maryland.

That doesn't mean his legacy has been fully written as he prepares for his final trip to the NCAA tournament.

Whether Vasquez will be remem-



By Matt Swenson

bered along the lines of Walt Williams or closer to Juan Dixon will depend on whether the Terrapins suffer a first-round exit against Houston or make a long run in the tournament.

Williams' decision to play at Maryland as Gary Williams inherited a program on probation was the initial building block to the coach's mostly glorious tenure. Dixon took the Terps to another level, reaching two Final Fours and

Greivis Vasquez is the type of explosive player who can carry a team in the Big Dance.

winning the 2002 national title.

Dixon's departure marked the beginning of Maryland's drop-off, and it took Vasquez's four-year maturation process to restore the program to prominence.

Vasquez is the type of explosive player who can carry a team in the Big Dance. If the Terps fall early this year, it will be attributed to a roster that isn't all that strong besides the point guard. Should Maryland still be playing in the second weekend—or beyond—Vasquez's legend will only grow.

Final impressions are always important.

So far, Vasquez has lived up to every challenge, having won the ACC's player of the year award earlier this month.

The final chapter is up to Vasquez.

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Villanova Survives Scare in OT

Reynolds benched prior to comeback vs. Robert Morris

Men's College Hoops

Scottie Reynolds learned a lesson starting the game on the bench.

Once in the game, he delivered a teachable moment of his own to 15th-seeded Robert Morris: Don't let a Final Four-tested team like Villanova off the hook.

Reynolds was benched, his shot wasn't falling and his Wildcats were on the brink of having their NCAA tournament run end in the biggest of upsets. He responded with a clutch performance at the foul line in the final minutes of regulation, and No. 2 seed Villanova survived a scare from Robert Morris in a 73-70 overtime victory Thursday in the NCAA tournament.

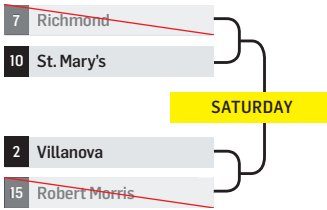
"I always think we're going to win; I always think we're going to find a way," coach Jay Wright said.

Trailing 55-47 with 4:19 left in the second half, Reynolds attacked the basket and led a fearless rally from the free-throw line. His reli-



Robert Morris' Mezie Nwigwe's pain was Villanova's Scottie Reynolds' gain Thursday.

Bracket Close-Up



able stroke was absent, but he never stopped hustling in the second half, and Reynolds' sliding save of a loose ball at Robert Morris' end led to two free throws that cut the lead to 55-51.

The Colonials (23-12) coughed up the ball again, Reynolds was fouled again, and he delivered again on both attempts from the line, and it

NCAA SCOREBOARD

BYU 99, Florida 92 (2OT)

Old Dominion 51, Notre Dame 50

Villanova 73, Robert Morris 70

Baylor 68, Sam Houston St. 59

Murray State 66, Vanderbilt 65

Richmond 80, St. Mary's 71

Kansas State 82, North Texas 62

Late game results: [washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com)

was 55-53 with 2:10 left.

Robert Morris committed its 21st turnover and — notice a pattern? — fouled Reynolds. Two more from the line and it was tied 55-all with 1:48 left in regulation. All those missed jumpers — Reynolds was 2 of 15 from the floor — seemed forgotten.

Wright made the bold move to sit Reynolds at the start of the game to make a "teaching point." He declined to reveal the reasons behind the disciplinary action against Villanova's leading scorer. Reynolds said he got the message. "You have to be excellent all the time — put it like that," Reynolds said. **DAN GELSTON (AP)**

Murray St. Stuns Vandy at Buzzer

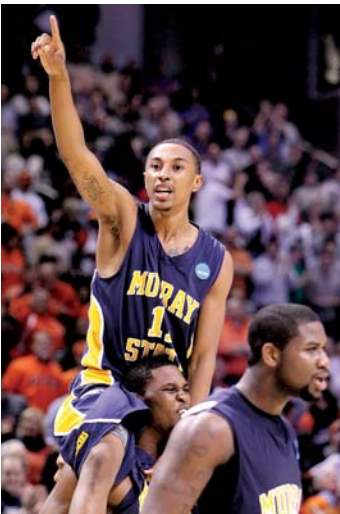
Men's College Hoops

The president called this one right.

Murray State needed every last chance and every last second to get back in the NCAA tournament win column. This had been 24 years in the waiting for basketball fans back in Murray, Ky., and it was as dramatic as they get.

Danero Thomas hit a 15-footer as the buzzer sounded, and 13th-seeded Murray State stunned No. 4 seed Vanderbilt 66-65 on Thursday in an NCAA tournament opener in the West Regional.

Perhaps President Obama was on to something picking these



Donte Poole celebrates after Murray State pulled the upset of Vanderbilt.

revved-up Racers (31-4) to get past the first round. It was the school's first victory in the NCAA tournament since a 78-75 win over North Carolina State in 1988.

For the second time in as many appearances, Vanderbilt (24-9) bowed out early as the higher seed. The Commodores were also a first-round upset victim by Siena in 2008 when seeded fourth.

When the game-winner went down, Murray State's players sprinted to the other end of the floor and fell into a celebratory pile beneath the basket. Vandy star A.J. Ogilvy fell to the floor in defeat, while his teammates crouched near their bench in utter disbelief. **(AP)**

Fredette, BYU Outlast Florida

Men's College Hoops

Jimmer Fredette and BYU survived a thrilling reminder that March Madness is back.

Fredette scored 37 points, including two 3-pointers in double overtime, to seal the Cougars' 99-92 win over 10th-seeded Florida on Thursday in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Fredette, the nation's 12th-leading scorer, made a 3 from the top of the key to put seventh-seeded BYU (30-5) ahead 90-83 with 2:42 left, then added another deep shot with just over a minute remaining to put the game away. **(AP)**

For Lady Hoyas, the 17-Year Itch Ends

Georgetown to face Marist in its return to the NCAA tourney

Hoyas Hoops

For the Georgetown women's basketball team, waiting for the NCAA tournament selection show was almost as hard as what made it relevant in the first place. After winning a program-best 25 games during the regular season, the Hoyas were eliminated in the first round of the Big East Tournament, leaving them eight days to stew over their fate.

And though Georgetown didn't need to worry about its bubble burst-

ing, the wait created some anxious moments as the team gathered Monday to see where and against whom it would play its first NCAA tournament game in 17 years.

"I knew it was gonna happen,

washingtonpost.com

Georgetown's men's basketball game against Houston in the NCAA tournament ended after Express' deadline. For results | washingtonpost.com/sports

but it was, like, 'C'mon already,'" said sophomore Latia Magee after the Hoyas found out they were the No. 5 seed in the South Region and would face No. 12 seed Marist in Berkeley, Calif., on Saturday.



Georgetown Hoyas forward Latia Magee claps after the Hoyas received a No. 5 seed.

TONIL SANDY/TWP

Leading the revitalization has been Big East Freshman of the Year Sugar Rodgers, who averages more than 18 points per game.

But in a season of success, there is one trend the Hoyas have yet to overcome. During coach Terri Williams-Flournoy six-year tenure, Georgetown hasn't won a post-season game of any kind. Marist, meanwhile, is making its fifth-straight appearance in the NCAA tournament and has three seniors who reached the Sweet 16 in 2007.

That won't deter Georgetown. "We want to show people that we're serious, that we belong in the tournament," said junior Monica McNutt. **MARK GIANNOTTO**

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In Brief



An artist's rendering of the Toyota sign.

BASEBALL
Cubs, Toyota Working On Wrigley Sponsor Deal

The Chicago Cubs owe much of their identity to two factors — their 101-year drought without a World Series title and Wrigley Field. The Cubs and automaker Toyota are working out a sponsorship deal that could put the company's logo on a sign hoisted above the left field bleachers. It's a way to increase revenue for the Cubs under new ownership. (AP)

BOXING
Mayweather, Mosley Embrace Olympic Testing

Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Shane Mosley have agreed to undergo Olympic-style drug testing for their May 1 fight in Las Vegas, which they hope will set a new standard for boxing. Testing has fallen under the jurisdiction of state athletic commissions, limited to urine testing. The testing the fighters agreed to includes random blood tests before and after the fights, and will be overseen by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency. (AP)

Ovie's New Reckless Reputation

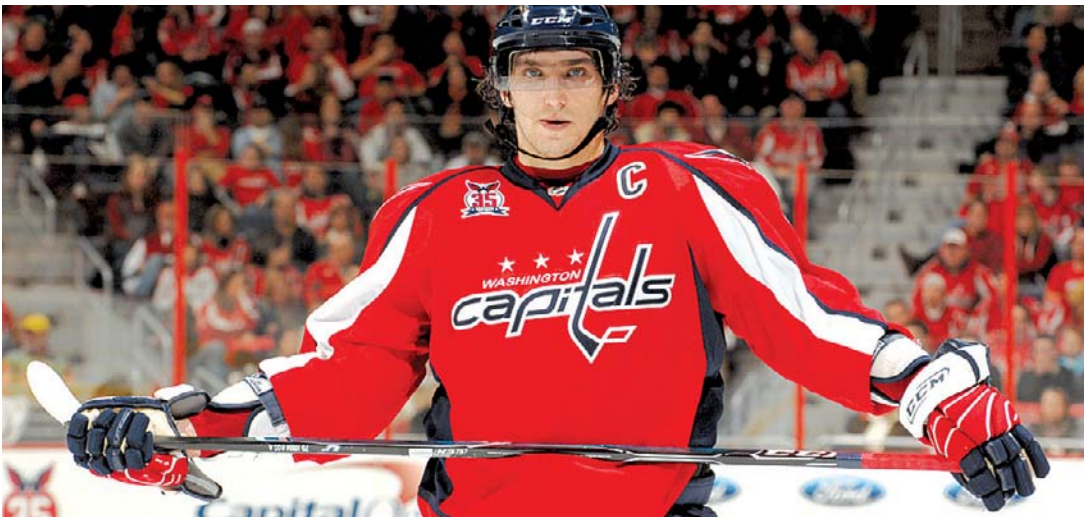
As fines, suspensions add up, Capitals star forgotten for offense

The Capitals

By almost every statistical measure, two-time defending NHL MVP Alex Ovechkin has elevated his game even more this season. In the midst of the greatest season in Washington Capitals history, the Great 8 is averaging a career-best 1.57 points per game, he's the NHL's leader in plus/minus, and with 12 regular-season games remaining, he sits just three assists shy of breaking his career high in that category.

And yet, for the first time in his five-year career, Ovechkin's offensive talents are being overshadowed by his penchant for what some critics call "reckless" play. Monday's announcement that Ovechkin must serve a two-game suspension and forfeit more than \$232,000 in salary after receiving a game misconduct for shoving Chicago's Brian Campbell from behind was just the latest of several well-documented incidents this season.

First, it was a slow foot and \$2,500 fine in October. Then he received the first suspension of his career in December after a knee-on-knee hit to Carolina's Tim Gleason.



Even though Alex Ovechkin is tearing up the net offensively for the Caps, his on-ice physicality has become the story of his season.

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The amount of money, approximately, Alex Ovechkin has been fined overall in the 2009-10 season so far. Because Ovechkin is now a repeat offender, any future transgressions will cost him exponentially more money.

And at the Vancouver Olympics, Ovechkin was caught shoving a fan's camera to the ground amid reports that he was stonewalling North American media at the Winter Games.

Despite his hero status, all of these controversies beg the question: Has the negative publicity made Ovechkin a villain?

Even after his latest suspen-

sion, the Capitals are supporting their captain. Coach Bruce Boudreau's defense that Ovechkin simply "pushed" Campbell and General Manager George McPhee's statement that "we had no problem with the way Alex tried to finish his check."

To his credit, Ovechkin has shown remorse that Campbell will likely miss the regular season with a

broken clavicle, but it hasn't stopped national pundits, opponents and teammates from weighing in.

"You would like to see him being more careful," linemate Mike Knuble said.

The predicament has Ovechkin at a crossroads when he returns from his suspension Saturday against the Tampa Bay Lightning. Respond to the critics insisting he change his aggressive style, and it could ruin one of the game's transcendent players. But continue to rile up the hockey world with newsworthy hits, and Ovechkin risks altering his reputation for good.

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face**time**



Cathal Armstrong
RESTAURANT EVE CHEF, RUGBY FAN

When he opened lush, locavore temple Restaurant Eve (110 S. Pitt St., Alexandria; 703-706-0450) in 2004, Irish-born chef Cathal (the T is silent) Armstrong put Old Town Alexandria on the culinary map. Not one to rest on his reductions, the 2006 Food and Wine best new chef has since become the force behind three other neighborhood foodie destinations: the Majestic Café (911 King St., Alexandria; 703-837-9117), Eamonn's Dublin Chipper and speakeasy P/X (both at 728 King St., Alexandria; 703-299-8384). We caught up with the busy cook about what he digs in his adopted hometown.

Why'd you choose Old Town for your restaurants?
We were looking to open an Irish country inn. [My wife] Meshelle has

lived in Alexandria since she was about 6 years old, but we initially discounted it, because we assumed we wouldn't be able to afford the rent. We were fortunate to find this location. It has the mood we were trying to achieve and a long, interesting history.

Now that you're here, what do you like about Alexandria?
Old Town reminds me of an Irish town — Dublin to a certain extent. It has an older, historic feel where everybody knows everybody. It's a tight-knit community. And the people of Alexandria are very food- and wine-savvy. They love eating out.

Where do you eat and drink around Old Town, besides your own restaurants?
Brabo (1600 King St.; 703-894-

3440) has great food. We watch rugby matches at O'Connells (112 King St.; 703-739-1124). The people of Murphy's (713 King St.; 703-548-1717) are always gracious. The place has got history, and it's great for a pint of Guinness.

What's needed in Old Town?
Pizza is missing. I hear a rumor that it's coming, though. Generally, I think there's always room for

“Old Town reminds me of an Irish town. It has an older, historic feel. It's tight-knit.”

more in the restaurant scene here. I think more restaurants attract more clientele. When you have a reputation as being a foodie town, you attract diners.

Where do you do your shopping?
La Cuisine (323 Cameron St., Alexandria; 703-836-4435) is a fantastic store with a great selection of professional cooking tools. Anyone who loves to cook should go. There's also a great shop by the waterfront called Decorium (116 King St., Alexandria; 703-739-4662) with design elements that we try to incorporate into Eve. I also go to the farmers market in season.

And you have young kids. Where do you take them in the 'hood?
I am a huge fan of A La Lucia (315 Madison St.; 703-836-5123), which is great for dining with kids. And the kids love the Pita House (407 Cameron St.; 703-684-9194). Going down to the waterfront with them is fun, too. Often, we take the dogs down, get ice cream, hang out on the pier and watch the boats go by. **ERIN HARTIGAN**

Event Horizon | Home Decorating How-To

The early bird gets the free tips on spiffing up houses and apartments at Arhaus' basic decor class Sunday from 9 to 11 a.m. The event includes advice on placing furniture, skillfully using color and setting a mood (perhaps a wakeful one) with lighting. Tysons Corner Center, McLean, Va.; free, but reserve a spot by calling 703-734-9001.



2 Dude, Step It Up

BAGGY SUITS, blousy button-downs and mile-wide power ties came under attack in fashion expert Tom Julian's first book with Nordstrom on men's style, out last year. Now, Julian takes on puffy khakis, fraying fleeces and other out-of-date casual wear in the "Nordstrom Guide to Men's Everyday Dressing" (\$18, Chronicle Books), out Saturday in Nordstrom stores and on Nordstrom.com. The savvy handbook offers stylish-but-wearable ideas — like classic-cool penny loafers (shown), a vast improvement from the holey sneakers you've been sporting since college.

Lips Serviced

WINTER WEATHER might finally be — fingers crossed! — in the rearview mirror. But we're still suffering the beauty roadblocks of the interminably cold season. Itchy skin. Dry hair. And, please, do not call attention to our cracked, chapped lips. Enter Shiseido's new Perfect Rouge lipstick collection (\$25, department stores), which boasts a light-yet-moisturizing formula that feels as pucker-replenishing as ChapStick but — in a range of 20 rich, perfect-for-spring shades — slides on much, much prettier.

Grab Bag

5

Light Beers?

SURE, THOSE ST. PATRICK'S DAY empties could be chucked in the recycling bin. But it's even greener to turn your drained Harp or Bass bottles into a barroom-cool light source with Uncommon Goods' DIY lamp kit (\$40, Uncommongoods.com). Simply wash and dry six empty vessels (whether they're booze or root beer is your call) and stick them into the piece's metal rings. Slip in a standard bulb, and voila — a glow ideal for thumbing through your back issues of Draft magazine or "Microbrewing for Dummies."

3 Prep Squad

POLKA-DOT BLOUSES, floral frocks and raincoats in a Palm Beachy trellis print (shown, \$298) star at the new Village of Shirlington outpost of Periwinkle (4150 Campbell Ave. #104, Arlington; 703-379-5242). The storefront — a bright, airy space outfitted with pedestal tables and (what else?) periwinkle blue walls — follows the same polished-prep ethos as the original Alexandria location, but with an almost entirely new assortment of dresses, shoes and accessories at deliberately lower prices.



A Sweet Return 4

IN 1866, when the Original Velatis caramel shop opened downtown on Ninth Street NW, hoop-skirted ladies and swains in high collars took carriages or streetcars to get their sugar fix. Now, you can hop on Metro's Red Line to the storied candy company's new store in Silver Spring (8408 Georgia Ave.; 301-578-8612), where fancy glass display cases and stripy walls set off the chewy, sweet cubes (shown, \$10.99-\$16.99 per 1/2-lb. box) in flavors such as rocky road, chocolate raspberry and black cherry.



Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

One of my best friends is getting married in late April, and I've been saddled with bridesmaid duty. The dresses my friend has chosen for us are a sky blue color that is especially unflattering with my skin tone. Luckily, we're allowed to pick our own shoes, so now I turn to you to help me find something that will make up for the dress. Please help. — MEGAN

Manolo says, the Manolo's friend is very lucky indeed that she was at the least able to wear shoes to this wedding. Many of the Manolo's friends report that among the recent wedding



trends is for the young bride and her maids to completely dispense with the wearing of the shoes, on the double theory that it will save the monies, and prevent the possibility of tripping over the various hems and trains and dressy folderol.

Of the course, if you say the words "barefoot wedding" to the Manolo, he immediately thinks of either the marriage of Starshine Moonfall to her "old man" Coyote, or else the ceremony that prominently features rousing banjo music and jugs of "corn likker," neither of which is likely to be featured in the latest glossy edition of Snooty and Expensively Bankrupting Weddings Weekly.

But, chacun à son gout.

Look! Here is the Rey from Badgley Mischka (\$219, Zappos.com), the silvery, beaded strappy sandal.



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

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ALEXANDRIA IN THE BAG

BROWSE OLD TOWN'S BOUTIQUES FOR HIP DECOR, HOT FASHION AND GOURMET GOODS

You could say Alexandria, Va., was born to shop. After all, British and Scottish merchants founded the town on the banks of the Potomac in 1749 in part to market English silver and tea to colonists. Now, the narrow streets and 18th- to 19th-century buildings where Thomas Jefferson bought furniture and Martha Washington hit the apothecary hold up-to-the-second shops, from Asian decor dens and French cookware stores to art emporiums and enough clothing boutiques to drive a fashionista to her smelling salts. Here are our suggestions on how to hit the brick sidewalks ISO chic clothes, hip housewares and a feast of wines, teas and candy. Just don't be shocked if the combo of old cool and contemporary merch starts a revolution in your shopping habits. **JENNIFER BARGER AND BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)**

1

Crate & Barrel Outlet Store

The only discount C&B close to D.C. draws bargainistas with way-marked-down furniture (a mirrored coffee table, once \$700, was recently \$300), a cafeteria's worth of cups and Marimekko fabrics for \$5 a yard. *1700 Prince St.; 703-739-8800*

2

Banana Tree

On upper King Street, this long-time Zen den loads a serene, jute-carpeted space with antique and new pieces from Thailand, India, Burma and Vietnam, including silk pillows, Buddha statues in sizes from tiny to fit-for-a-temple huge, and architectural fragments (from \$99 each) that look exotic hung on loft-apartment walls. Don't miss the back bargain section, where recent scores included Indonesian rosewood boxes (\$165 and up) ideal for stashing jewelry or other treasures. *1223 King St.; 703-836-4317*

3

Verdigris

In a skinny white rowhouse that used to be a Chinese laundry, this chic curiosity shop is stacked floor to ceiling with artifacts such as a vintage wooden Russian abacus (\$165), shabby-pretty gilded mirrors, mid-century paintings and even a few busts of George Washington. Owner Ursula Baukol counts interior designers among her clients and posts pages torn from decor magazines with ideas on getting haute looks for less. *1215 King St.; 703-518-5301*



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HOME DECOR

4

Chinoiserie

Owner Peter Zia fills this sunny space with a mix of mid-century vintage furniture, colorful, retro-inspired tableware and gifty ephemera such as letter-pressed cards. A hidden fashion section boasts hard-to-find luxe labels such as Charles Chang-Lima and Yeohlee. *1024 King St.; 703-838-0520*



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« SCORE ONE OF TORY COWLES' DRAMATIC MIXED-MEDIA WORKS AT THE TORPEDO FACTORY ART CENTER.

6

Torpedo Factory Art Center

Near the river, in a onetime World War II munitions plant, 82 artists create and show their wares, any of which would add a bit of local style to a room. We're partial to Felicia Belair-Rigdon's otherworldly bird and flower collages and Tory Cowles' abstracts, above. *105 N. Union St.; 703-838-4565*



For a pause in decked-out digs, **Jackson 20** restaurant (480 King St., 703-842-2790) serves homey American food (fried chicken, Virginia ham sliders) in a rustic dreamscape of Goth-mod wallpaper and mesh light fixtures meant to look like colonial drums.

5

Red Barn Mercantile

This temple to country-gone-industrial traffics in the sleeker side of homespun: Dash & Albert's striped rugs in hot hues, comfy-yet-not-too-overstuffed sofas upholstered in linen and quirky accessories such as mercury glass pendant lights (\$65 each), a creepy-cool vintage anatomy chart of skeletons (\$775) and Run Run Studio's wry animal target pillows (shown, \$150). *113 S. Columbus St.; 703-838-0355*



8

Daniel Donnelly

In a warehouse-y space in north Old Town, a mid-century modern trove evokes the "Mad Men" era with vintage and repro low-slung sofas, Dorothy Draper chests and funky metal lamps. Thumb through Donnelly's library of old design books to get inspired. *520 N. Fayette St.; 703-549-4672*





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FASHION

1

FashionEnvy

This new boutique specializes in cool, well-priced casual wear in sizes 2 to 22, from breezy print sundresses by Analili (shown, \$177) to plus-sized jersey tees and other separates from co-owner Fresia Rodriguez's own line, Kingley&Posh. 1314 King St.; 703-299-0250



2

Dash's of Old Town

The original incarnation of this menswear shop dressed dapper locals from the 1960s until closing in 1989. Heir Victor Dash resurrected the store in 2005 with a snappy mix of well-crafted suits (starting at a very reasonable \$550), and zippy Luigi Bianchi ties (shown, \$150 each), plucky plaid shirts from Paul & Shark, and eyeglasses, cuff links and even cologne. 1114 King St.; 703-299-4015



LAWRENCE LUK

7

Hysteria

Manager Alicia McCaslin (pictured) stocks a cheery rowhouse with fashions as bright as the spot's green walls: jersey maxi dresses by ecoSkin, not-your-everyday bags from Sondra Roberts and tangerine frocks from Badgley Mischka's lower-priced line, Mark & James. 125 S. Fairfax St.; 703-548-1615

8

The Shoe Hive

A new, larger location next to Hysteria allows this footwear favorite to carry more women's and kids shoes (including Tory Burch and Kate Spade). Sandals are a particular strength; you can also score luxe carryalls and chic jewelry such as boho bangles and sleek, stacked rings. 127 S. Fairfax St.; 703-548-7105



LAUDENCE LUK

6

Stanton Gallery

The cozy second-floor spot brims with stylish fine jewelry pieces such as Alexandria native Jennifer Kellogg's cheeky sterling spin on a diamond ring (shown, \$180) and custom pieces created by owner Christine Stanton. By appointment only. 121 S. Royal St., floor 2; 703-299-3055



3

Current Boutique

The busy Clarendon consignment shop recently opened this second spacious location, housing a mishmash of secondhand finds (Marc Jacobs and Banana Republic were recently spotted) and a sizeable selection of wallet-friendly new items, including jewelry, bags and trendy pieces such as floaty sundresses and hip rompers. 1009 King St.; 703-549-2272

4

Bloomers

The newer sister spot to beauty apothecary Bellacara (just across the way at 1000 King St.) bursts with comfy-chic sleepwear and playful lingerie from top labels such as Mary Green and Hanky Panky, plus an assortment of super-soft layering tees by Splendid and Left Coast. 924 King St.; 571-312-0852

5

Treat

The popular "sample sale" boutique — which serves up a frequently updated mix of past-season designer pieces at hefty discounts — moved to much larger digs last year, meaning there's more space for slick blazers by Sally Tseng, garden party-worthy dresses by Tibi and statement baubles by regional designers such as Ruth Barzel and Aimee Bracken. 103 S. St. Asaph St.; 703-535-3294



Locals rave about **Sugar House Day Spa & Salon** (111 N. Alfred St.; 703-549-9940) for relaxing mani-pedis (\$75) in the sunny, second-floor salon. Need real sweets? The new **Alexandria Cupcake** (1022 King St.; 703-299-9099) bakes up decadent flavors like dark chocolate and PB&J (\$3 each).

9

Vintage Mirage

Owner Elinor Coleman stuffs this slightly out-of-the-way, second-floor space with well-preserved vintage items — think '60s Dior dresses and Jackie O-ish hats. Scouring the packed racks will appeal most to retro fiends with time and patience. 210 N. Lee St.; 703-535-8200

old town **lookout**

1

The Butcher's Block

Adjacent to chef Robert Wiedmaier's Brabo restaurant, this European-style grocery carries a mix of gourmet nibbles and sips—fresh-baked bread, homemade pates, handpicked, hard-to-find wines—ideal for grabbing for a fete or picnic. 1600 King St.; 703-894-5253

2

La Fromagerie

Just check the blackboard for which cheeses this "Are-we-in-Paris?" corner shop has on a given day, from French raw-milk Comte to Virginia feta. Rhone-born co-owner Sebastien Tavel also populates the golden-walled space with cheese boards, wines and haute crackers. 1222 King St.; 703-879-2467

3

The Hour

Like the set for a stylishly boozy TCM flick, this cocktail-mad emporium buzzes with vintage martini shakers (shown, \$145), bar carts and bright-hued highball glasses. Sparkling '50s and '60s bracelets and brooches give party girls something to wear to the bash. 1015 King St.; 703-224-4687



GOURMET GOODS

6

The Virginia Shop

In a stone-walled 1765 warehouse, chew or gulp the bounty of the Old Dominion, from Old Bay-flavored peanuts and wines (try the Horton Vignier) to country hams. Local cookbooks, including Old Town's own "Always in Good Taste" (\$10), show you how to put it all together. 104 S. Union St.; 703-836-3160

4

La Cuisine

French copper pans, oversized whisks and sharp-enough-for-Julia Child knives line the walls at this cook's paradise, where hard-to-find foodstuffs include heirloom dried beans (\$6 a package), tempering chocolate and colorful cookie sugars. Also worth a bite: occasional how-to classes and a huge selection of cookbooks. 323 Cameron St.; 703-836-4435



5

The Sugar Cube

This quaint confectionary gets sweet on old-school treats (jelly beans, M&M's) plus artisanal chocolates such as buttercreams, caramels and truffles. 210 N. Lee St.; 703-548-2868 Nearby, Candi's Candies sells hundreds of hard-to-find chocolate bars (Nut Goodie, anyone?), plus 70 barrels of taffy. 107 N. Fairfax St.; 703-518-1718



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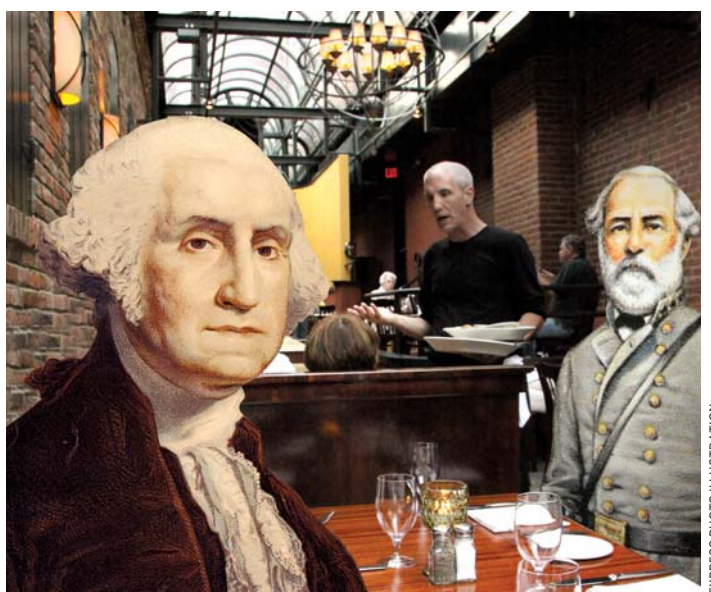
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JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

THEN: Colonial dudes — George Washington included — drank at **Gadsby's Tavern** (now a museum/restaurant, 134 and 138 N. Royal St.; 703-746-4242 or 703-548-1288).

NOW: Hipsters sip single malt scotch or wine at **Vermillion Restaurant** (1120 King St.; 703-684-9669).

THEN: Nineteenth-century firemen from the **Friendship Firehouse** (now a museum, 107 S. Alfred St.; 703-746-3891) fought blazes with horse-drawn engines.

NOW: Hopheads fight thirst with microbrews at **Columbia Firehouse** (pictured above, 109 S. St.

Asaph St.; 703-683-1776), a pub in a restored 1871 fire station.

THEN: Martha Washington, Robert E. Lee and other famous folks bought potions at the **Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary** (now a museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St.; 703-746-3852).

NOW: Glam gals get Kai scents and Stila cosmetics at **Bellacara** (1000 King St.; 703-299-9652).

THEN: Early American swells (imagine powdered ponytails, buckled shoes) spent time at **Carlyle House** (now a museum, 121 N. Fairfax St.; 703-549-2997), the 1753 home of a prominent merchant.

NOW: Dressed-up couples hit the speakeasy-ish **Carlyle Club** (411 John Carlyle St.; 703-548-8899), where art deco tunes and clothes rule most Fridays as Doc Scantlin and his orchestra play.

THEN: Veggies and beer from Washington's farm at **Mount Vernon** were among the stuff sold at Market Square (301 King St.).

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Foreign films often get a bad rap — people think a film that's not in English means you're in for three black-and-white hours of watching cats play chess underwater. (But it's really a metaphor! For something!) Tell someone you're going to watch a Swedish film that's partly about insurance fraud — even if it's based on a best-selling novel — and you might get some eye rolls. Which is too bad, because "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" is as nail-bitingly thrilling as "Silence of the Lambs," but snowier, and with more Ikea-style furniture. It's two-and-a-half hours that fly by in pure, tense pleasure.

Once you get past the subtitles. I despise subtitles and prefer dubbing, which makes me — according to many, many people — wrong. But subtitles compress content. Dialogue has to be trimmed so it can fit into the amount of text an average person can read — even with the best translator, you lose stuff. Moreover, no matter how fast a reader you are, you have to take your eyes off the actors, the framing, the entire "moving picture" part of the movie. Yes, dubbing sometimes looks lame, but at least you're, you know, watching the movie.

Still, it's worth it. "Girl" isn't for everyone — there are some brutally violent scenes, including some sexual assaults — but it would be a shame for anyone to miss it just because they don't like to read during films.

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KERRY HAYES

As the top repo man for a shady organization called the Union, Remy (Jude Law) often gets himself into tricky situations.

Smooth Operation

'Repo Men' weaves moral ambiguity into action for a good, if weird, outcome

Film Review

For all the soullessness of studio pictures, where else can today's moviegoer find moral outrage, political pluck or a sense of insurrection? That's right: mid- to massive-budgeted sci-fi/horror/fantasy. There's "Avatar's" anti-corporatism; "District 9's" apartheid allegory; "The Crazies'" eco-militancy; and, now, the health-care-gone-haywire nightmare of "Repo Men." Could a world actually exist in which artificial organs bought on credit could be repossessed from their delinquent containers by Taser-wielding corporate ninjas? That we can even ask the question makes for a thriller with plausibility and the

'Repo Men'

- **Director:** Miguel Sapochnik
- **Stars:** Jude Law, Forest Whitaker
- **In a Nutshell:** Remy (Jude Law) is the top man in an organization that gives organ transplants — at a price. The twist: Remy eventually needs a transplant of his own.
- **For Fans of:** "Dirty Pretty Things," "Lucky Number Slevin"

proper quotient of paranoia.

Directed by Miguel Sapochnik, who may have watched "Blade Runner" a few too many times, "Repo Men" grafts moral ambiguity onto the action thriller, and the result is a weird but likably misshapen beast. The plot may take more unpleasant turns than a small intestine, but isn't that what we want out of our suspense films? Throw in Jude Law, who is great anytime — even as a guy who leaves

his "clients" liverless and lifeless — and one can forgive the movie's defects, and its indecision about being a tragedy or a comedy.

Law plays Remy, the top repo man for the Union, a monolithic multinational-cum-government that urges transplants onto ailing customers and then tracks them down when they don't make their payments. The ease with which Remy operates — evidenced by the old R&B he listens to on his earphones as he removes a bit of this or piece of that — indicates how good he is, and how insulated.

When we meet him, trouble's brewing: His wife, Carol (an oddly sour Carice Van Houten), wants him to move into sales. Compartmentalizing like a madwoman, she thinks it's better for him to sell the cursed organs than reclaim them. His Army buddy and fellow repo dude Jake (Forest Whitaker) wants things to remain the

same, though he shouldn't worry: Remy is so obviously not a management guy that his chances of moving up are slim. When Remy has a heart attack, he gets a transplant he can't pay for, and the hunter becomes the hunted.

In keeping with the trend toward multinational casting, "Repo Men" has a bit of everywhere about it: Besides the Dutch van Houten, the English Law, and the American Whitaker and Liev Schreiber (as a perfect corporate viper), there's Brazil's tiny treasure Alicia Braga as Beth, the mostly mechanical gamine with whom Remy tries to get off the grid. The movie does take a trip into deepest Crazyville: A duet of anesthesia-less surgeries performed by Remy and Beth on each other is so borderline orgasmic it may qualify as the horror-fantasy version of a Rogers-Astaire dance number.

JOHN ANDERSON THE (WASHINGTON POST)

Casting



An A-List Pair

You're not the only one who finds the Jude Law-Forest Whitaker on-screen pairing unexpected yet awesome — director Miguel Sapochnik is right there with you. In an interview with Hitfix.com, he talked about his casting choices, noting that Law was on board early in the filmmaking process, and then Whitaker later expressed interest in a "very lucky" turn of events. "It seemed like an odd coupling right from the start," Sapochnik added. "And that's what made it kind of delicious." (EXPRESS)



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Check out the Black Lips and a mighty fine opening lineup at the Black Cat tonight.

Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

The highlight of Black Lips shows used to be the Atlanta garage-rockers' onstage antics, many of which can't be recounted in a family publication such as this one. Whether the band's calmed down or not — we'd bank on not entirely — it's amassed enough irresistibly bouncy sing-along rock 'n' roll nuggets to make the songs be the shows' main attraction now. It doesn't hurt that there's always an impressive opening act, in this case Nebraska's Box Elders. The groups are named after the bug, not the Pavement song (or that's the claim), but it seems to make sense since its early-'60s rock sound doesn't owe anything to the slackerly '90s. The Vermillions also play at the **BLACK CAT**.

Ron Trent's been creeping into and out of D.C. with increasing regularity. Chicago's deep dance titan has found a kinship with the D.C. DJs and dancers who keep the underground house sound alive until sunrise. When you go to hear his story that unfolds over hours

on the turntables, expect chapters drawing from Trent's deep house work, his new wave excursions, his Detroit techno-style productions and heaps of classic disco and soul. Chris Burns shares the captain's seat for Body Music with Ron Trent at the **WAREHOUSE LOFT**. This one will be a quarterly affair, now that Trent is making himself more at home here.




SATURDAY

Theo Parrish, the mad scientist of the Chicago house tradition, is known as much for his haunting, darkly soulful productions as for the surprises in his DJ sets. By his ethos, "house music" is not simply a four-to-the-floor kick drum at a specific tempo; he goes beyond run-of-the-mill house music to unexpected selections of jazz fusion and classic soul. Parrish comes to D.C. as part of the Forward Festival, a five-night collection of electronic music performances, dance nights and production clinics that has matured admirably in its third year. Opening for Parrish at **THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ASSOCIATION** is Trus'me, a young Englishman generating a lot of excitement with his new takes on post-disco.

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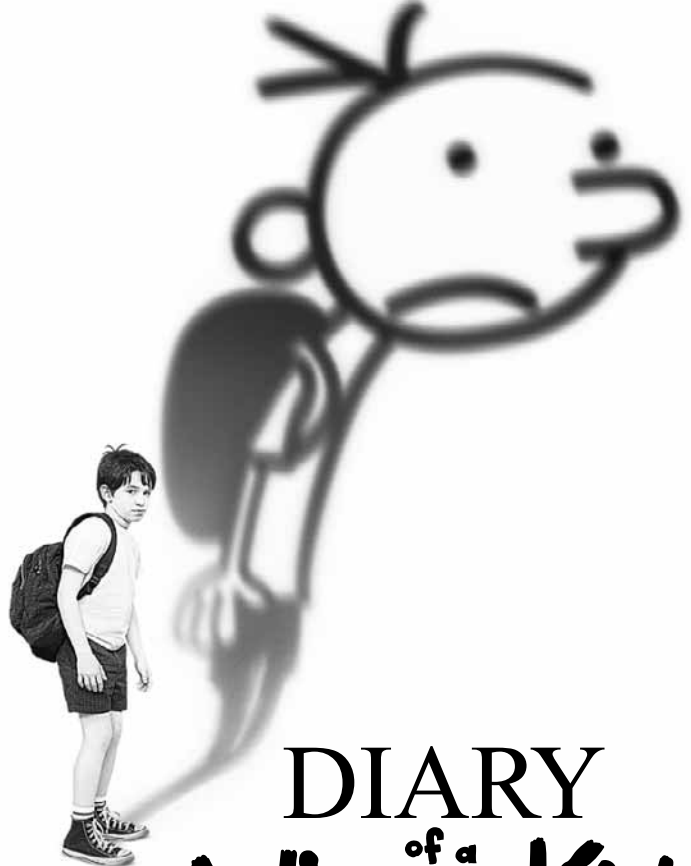
ALICE IN WONDERLAND (PG, 109 minutes) Tim Burton has wisely avoided producing a mere pop-up illustration of Lewis Carroll's books, instead finding

inspiration in Alice (Mia Wasikowska), the Mad Hatter (Johnny Depp), the Red Queen (Helena Bonham Carter) and other familiar characters, and putting them into a brand-new story. His most nervy decision — making Alice a 19-year-old young woman — also proves to be his best. Burton's signature gnarled, gothic aesthetic runs throughout, and it's worth the price of admission if only to hear

Depp give sonorous voice to Carroll's slithy toves, but it's the women who steal the show. **(AH)**
COP OUT (R, 107 minutes) Much of this action comedy starring Bruce Willis and Tracy Morgan feels about 25 years too late. The very concept — an odd-couple police partnership made up of one level-headed guy (Willis) and one nut job (Morgan) — was starting to show signs

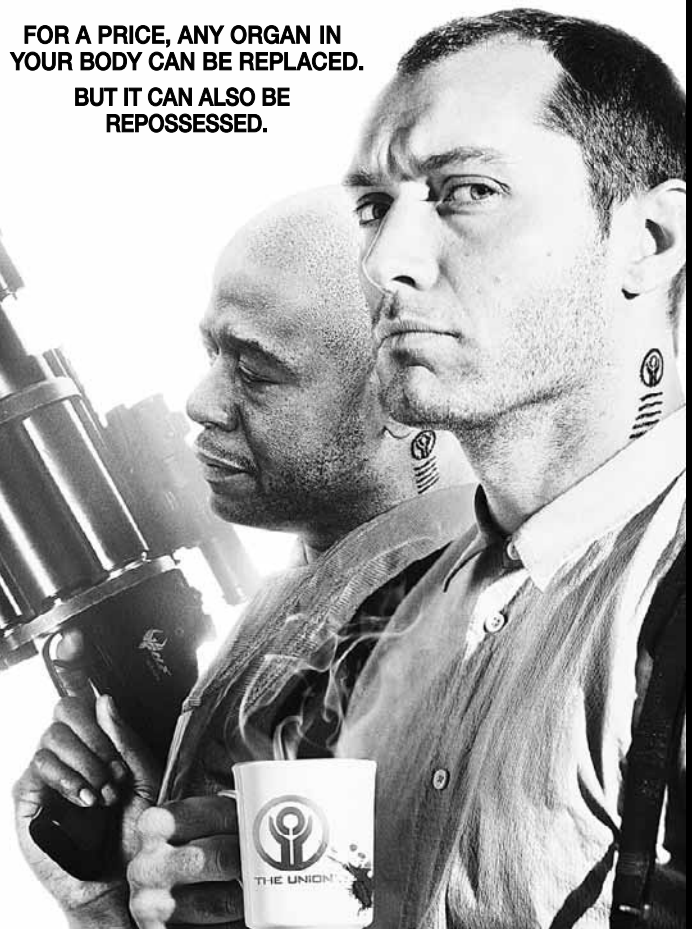
of wear well before "Lethal Weapon 4" (1998). Smith does little to dust off the antique, other than his casting of Morgan, an unpredictable wild man who does most of the comedic heavy lifting. **(MO)**
THE GHOST WRITER (PG-13, 130 minutes) The Ghost, as Ewan McGregor's steadfastly anonymous protagonist is called, is a young author assigned to pen the memoirs of a retired British

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GREEN ZONE (R, 115 minutes) Paul Greengrass' wartime thriller, set in the early days of the Iraq conflict, was inspired by the brilliant book "Imperial Life in the Emerald City" by The Post's Rajiv Chandrasekaran, but it depends on the book more for atmospherics than story. With star Matt Damon, Greengrass has crafted a jangly, noisy, compulsively restless thriller on a par with the "Bourne" movies, shot through with political critique. (AH)

OUR FAMILY WEDDING (PG-13, 101 minutes) Unless you can get a pre-nup from your local movie house, you should probably pass up this slightly tacky but strictly high-concept affair: "Romeo and Juliet" played out between Mexican Capulets and black Montagues, families who reflexively despise each other and don't do much to keep us guests from agreeing with both of them. (JA)

A PROPHET (R, 149 minutes) The audience enters the nameless prison at the same time as the film's protagonist, a 19-year-old of Arab descent named Malik (Tahar Rahim). Quiet but bristling with latent physical toughness, Malik immediately defends his turf when two inmates try to steal his sneakers; soon he's approached by Cesar (Niels Arestrup), the leader of a Corsican gang that runs the

jail as its own domain, including guards on the take. Although Cesar mistrusts the Muslims who are beginning to outnumber his own minions in the prison, he comes to trust Malik. (AH)

REMEMBER ME (PG-13, 98 minutes) Ostensibly, the movie is the story of Tyler Hawkins (Robert Pattinson) and his emotionally bullying father (Pierce Brosnan). The plot is set in motion when our hero,

who hates all forms of oppression, is arrested after trying to stop a street fight, then mouthing off to the investigating cop (Chris Cooper). Enter the cop's beautiful daughter, Ally (Emilie de Ravin). Egged on by his college roommate, Tyler starts dating Ally as a way to get back at her father but ends up falling in love with Ally without meaning to. But there's something else hidden inside that's so

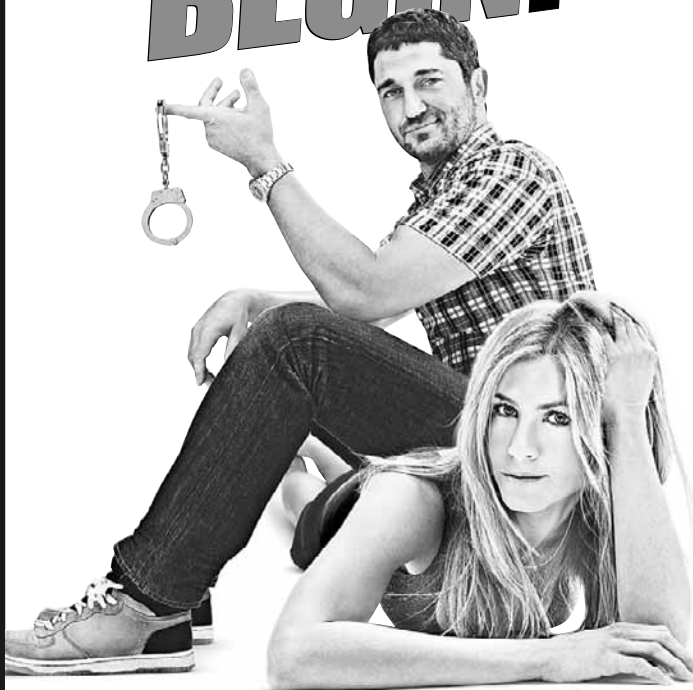
stunning, yet so stunningly obvious, that it functions like a kind of ticking time bomb in the corner of the screen. (MO)

SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE (R, 104 minutes) This crass comedy is the story of Kirk (Jay Baruchel) and Molly (Alice Eve). He's a schlubby airport security screener without a college degree, and she's a gorgeous lawyer-turned-party planner. Like Seth Rogen in "Knocked Up," Baruchel

is no troll, but he's hardly a heartthrob. Molly, by comparison, is a "hard 10." This leads Kirk to undergo neurotic levels of insecurity (not funny), public ridicule (slightly funny) and of course, sexual performance anxiety. (MO)

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THE CRAZIES (R) 10:40
SHUTTER ISLAND (R) 12:15 3:40, 6:50, 10:00
REPO MEN (R) 1:00 4:10, 7:00, 12:30
REMEMBER ME (PG-13) 12:50

Virginia

Old Town Theatre
Alexandria www.oldtowntheatre.com

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Arlington Cinema 'N' Drafthouse
Arlington www.arlingtondrafthouse.com

THE BLIND SIDE (PG-13) 7:00 P.M.

Regal Potomac Yards
Alexandria www.regmovies.com

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG)
CLASH OF THE TITANS (NR)
DIARY OF A WIMPY KID (PG) 11:10, 1:45, 4:20 7:10, 9:30
THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG-13) 10:00, 12:50, 1:50, 3:40, 4:40 6:30, 7:30, 9:20, 10:20
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THE CRAZIES (R) 12:00
COP OUT (R) 11:50
THE GHOST WRITER (PG-13) 12:20, 3:30 6:40, 9:45
SHUTTER ISLAND (R) 12:00, 3:35 6:50, 10:05
AVATAR (PG-13) 11:00, 2:35 6:10, 9:55

Regal Kingstowne Stadium
Alexandria www.regmovies.com

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THE CRAZIES (R) 3:30, 9:40
COP OUT (R) 10:40 P.M.
SHUTTER ISLAND (R) 12:10 6:20
AVATAR (PG-13) 12:40 4:10, 8:20

Regal Ballston Common Stadium
Arlington www.regmovies.com

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG)
THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG-13) 1:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:15 7:20, 8:00, 10:15, 10:45
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SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 10:05
REMEMBER ME (PG-13) 12:00, 2:20, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10
BROOKLYN'S FINEST (R) 4:20, 9:50
VALENTINE'S DAY (PG-13) 1:40, 7:10
IT'S COMPLICATED (R) 1:00, 4:10, 6:40, 9:30
AVATAR 3D (PG-13) 12:05, 3:30, 7:00, 10:20
IN DIGITAL 3-D
THE BLIND SIDE (PG-13) 1:50, 4:20, 7:30, 10:00

AMC Theatres Hoffman Center
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REPO MEN (R) 10:20, 11:40, 1:20, 2:50, 4:25, 5:45, 7:35, 8:50, 10:30, 11:55
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IN DIGITAL 3-D
ALICE IN WONDERLAND AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG) 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45
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THE CRAZIES (R) 5:40, 8:20, 11:05
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AMC Select
CRAZY HEART (R) 11:05, 2:25, 5:25, 8:25, 11:25

Maryland

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
Silver Spring www.afi.com/silver

THE HURT LOCKER (R) 4:30, 7:05, 9:40
UP IN THE AIR (R) 12:15, 2:20
M. HULOT'S HOLIDAY (NR) 1:05, 3:05, 5:05, 7:10, 9:05
HOLIDAY (NR) 7:00 P.M.
MY UNCLE (NR) 8:45 P.M.

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
Bethesda www.landmarktheatres.com

THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO (NR) 1:15, 2:15, 4:45, 5:45 8:15, 9:15
THE GHOST WRITER (PG-13) 11:00, 4:00 7:00, 9:55
A PROPHECY (R) 1:45, 5:15 8:30
THE HURT LOCKER (R) 12:30, 3:15 6:30, 9:25
CRAZY HEART (R) 1:35, 4:05 6:45, 9:20
THE LAST STATION (R) 12:45 7:05, 9:35
UP IN THE AIR (R) 4:20 7:10, 9:40
THE YOUNG VICTORIA (PG) 1:40
AN EDUCATION (PG-13) 2:00

AMC Loews Center Park
Beltsville www.amctheatres.com

REPO MEN (R) 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 8:00, 10:35
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AMC Loews White Flint
Kensington www.amctheatres.com

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AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center
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Regal Bethesda
Bethesda www.regmovies.com

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Regal Majestic Cinema
Silver Spring www.regmovies.com

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TV weekend **lookout**

Celebration of 'Life'

A Discovery series seeks to redefine the nature documentary

Earth

**SUN
8:00**

The 11-part nature series "Life" (8 p.m. and 9 p.m., Discovery) is sure to make some viewers happy that they bought a great big high-definition television. Filled with remarkable photography of critters of every size and stripe, "Life" hopes to redefine the nature documentary with one "How did they get that?" shot after another. Want to see an iguana spear a preying mantis with its tongue? "Life" has it and in 1080p, to boot. Or is that 720p? Wake me up when you can find anybody who can tell the difference.

"Life" divides itself into categories, much like the sciences of botany and zoology. We begin with "Challenges of Life" (8 p.m.), a glance at the eat-or-be-eaten struggle to survive, endure and (not to



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get too controversial) evolve on a planet that is both abundant with life and remarkably cruel. Then we move on to more defined chapters such as "Reptiles & Amphibians" (9 p.m.), to be followed with installments on "Mammals," "Primates," etc., running every Sunday night through April 18.

Footage wise, "Life" can't be

beat. But one might also find the broadly defined documentary format a tad enervating. I don't know if it is its "history of everything" approach or the Oprah Winfrey narration, but after about 20 minutes of "Life" and its insistent gorgeousness, you might find yourself nodding off. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Best Bets

**FRI
9:00**

The Ricky Gervais Show (HBO) In this new episode, Karl answers questions from fans, including the burning issue of which of the "Top 50 Freaks of All Time" he would like to meet. The "Monkey News" segment features firefighters using a monkey to rescue people.

**SUN
9:00**



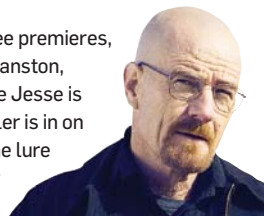
The Celebrity Apprentice (NBC) During a challenge that revolves around building a storefront to relaunch Kodak's "Kodak moments" campaign, the men's project manager is confronted when a team member feels left out.

**SUN
9:00**

The Pacific (HBO) Part two in this 10-part series finds Basilone and the 7th Marines arriving on Guadalcanal to reinforce Leckie and the rest of the 1st Marine Division as they continue to defend the airstrip.

**SUN
10:00**

Breaking Bad (AMC) As season three premieres, improbable drug kingpin Walt (Bryan Cranston, right) is in remission and in danger, while Jesse is in rehab after Jane's overdose, and Skyler is in on their secret and out of Walt's life. Will the lure of money and power prove too much for Walt to resist? (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



Reality



A Big Star

She played a somewhat heightened version of herself on the Showtime sitcom "Fat Actress," but now Emmy winner Kirstie Alley returns with "Kirstie Alley's Big Life" (10 p.m., A&E, Sun.), a new reality series that follows the celebrity single mom as she tries to shed the excess pounds and raise two well-adjusted teenagers in Hollywood. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

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Horoscope

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Just when you thought you had better play it safe, you'll discover that taking chances one more time can speed you along.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't act upon emotions that are not fully formed at this time. Decisions you make have far-reaching implications.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You can find great comfort in the little things all around you. Don't shrink from those things that are most familiar.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're sure to win results, provided you use the right tools in the right ways. Now is no time to force others to conform to your outlook.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Others are waiting for you to improve yourself. They're not expecting you to prove anything, but rather they want you to lead the way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't let a friendly competition get out of hand. It's important to remain friends with those who push you to new limits.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's a good day to steer clear of the kinds of activities that highlight your limitations. You want to remain strong and confident.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Someone you thought was a friend or supporter may actually be working against you at this time, but this may be quite hard to prove.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Are you prepared to read the signs that are presented to you? The information they contain can make a big difference in the days to come.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may be forced to look at things that are difficult or painful, but it's in the name of progress, healing and recovery.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You needn't relive anything that brings you pain. Tell those who would lead you down a rocky path that you'll have none of it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may have actually gotten away with something, but you'll likely realize that it's time to come clean.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 160-170, BEST SCORE 225

E ₁	I ₁	I ₁	T ₁	K ₅	S ₁	C ₃

3rd Letter Triple

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 RACK 1

A ₁	E ₁	U ₁	U ₁	L ₁	N ₁	Q ₁₀

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 RACK 2

E ₁	E ₁	E ₁	U ₁	T ₁	P ₃	R ₁

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 RACK 3

A ₁	A ₁	T ₁	T ₁	B ₃	M ₃	H ₄

Double Word Score

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 RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

R ₁	I ₁	M ₃	S ₁	H ₄	O ₁	T ₁	RACK 1 =	74
D ₂	E ₁	F ₄	U ₁	S ₁	E ₁		RACK 2 =	10
P ₃	O ₁	L ₁	L ₁	U ₁	T ₁	E ₁	RACK 3 =	61
M ₃	I ₁	N ₁	I ₁	C ₃	A ₁	R ₁	RACK 4 =	61
PAR SCORE 145-155								TOTAL 206

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3								
		8		4		5		1
	5				3	4		6
	8			9			5	
4		7	5				3	
1		4		6		8		
								7
		9			2			

Yesterday's Solution

4	9	8	1	5	6	3	2	7
1	6	2	8	3	7	9	4	5
3	7	5	2	9	4	8	1	6
2	5	4	3	6	1	7	8	9
9	8	1	5	7	2	6	3	4
7	3	6	9	4	8	2	5	1
5	4	3	6	8	9	1	7	2
8	1	9	7	2	5	4	6	3
6	2	7	4	1	3	5	9	8

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Forecast

70 | 47

Today: Sunny and warm today. Mainly clear tonight.

72 | 51

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and pleasant tomorrow. Partly cloudy tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SUN	MON	TUE
72	52	64
42	59	40

Sun and Moon	Almanac
Sunrise today: 7:14 a.m.	Normal high: 56
Sunset today: 7:19 p.m.	Record high: 81
Moonrise today: 8:42 a.m.	Normal low: 38
Moonset today: 11:32 p.m.	Record low: 13

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Crossword

HIGH SOCIETY

ACROSS

1 "Aw, heck!"
5 Tie rack's many
9 Lava forerunner
14 Agree with, as
sentiments
15 Light and fluffy
16 Fuel tanker
17 Dealer's
adversary
18 Change of heart?
20 Not just a shot in
the dark
22 Good way to
choose
23 When dark comes
o'er the land
24 "___ is the time
for all good men ..."
27 Ancient Persian
governors
29 Regional plant
and animal life
31 Palindromic sound
of discovery
33 Plays, as a horse
34 Sophisticated
taste for food
39 High-school
course

40 "Do re mi fa ____
..."
41 Peace between
nations
42 Fresco backing
48 Vixen's lair
49 Babbling Addams
cousin
52 Attractiveness
53 Part of an
expensive string
57 Outspoken (var.)
59 One of the
Niagara River's
sources
60 Hits without
swinging the bat
61 Teen affliction
62 Unload stress
63 Gold mold
64 Cook the surface of
65 They're found
under layers

DOWN

- 1 Maintains one's subscription
- 2 French-Canadian region
- 3 Rocket engineer's

calculation
4 Sport that requires you to use your head, sometimes
5 Some squash
6 The Emerald Isle
7 A or 100, e.g.
8 "Riders to the Sea" playwright
9 Wear a long face
10 Is sickly
11 Gorbachev's policy
12 "A Few Good ____" (Cruise film)
13 Another high school course
19 Center of many revolutions
21 Pie ____ mode
25 Certain Native American
26 Unnaturally pale
28 Ship, to a skipper
29 ____ Paese cheese
30 Give-go go-between
32 Many run during the Super Bowl
33 Crooner
34 Frosty covering

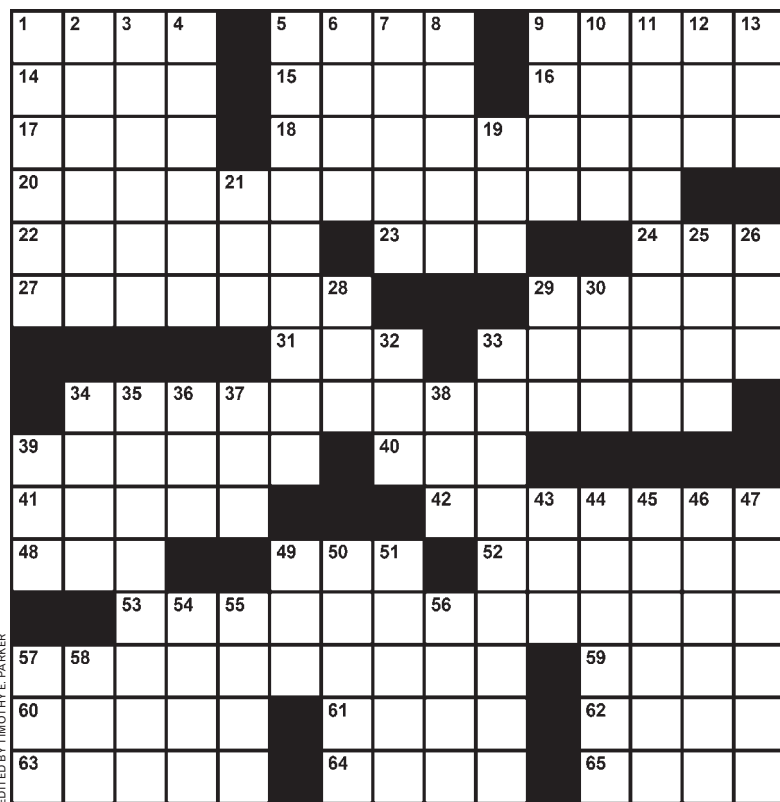
35 Clearly
demonstrating
36 ____ as a fiddle
37 Extremely
hostile, as a glare
38 Unannounced,
as a quiz
39 Ungentlemanly
type
43 Matterhorn, for
example
44 LP protector
45 Berber
language
46 Making

mistakes
47 Finds new
tenants for
49 Simpson trial
judge Lance
50 Albacore and
bluefin
51 Use a stencil
54 "Do ____ others
as ..."
55 Shopper's aid
56 Mediterranean
volcano
57 Tokyo sash
58 Play on words

Yesterday's Solution

	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	P	O	Z	O	N	E	A	B	O	Y	E	I
15	A	L	A	N	S	W	E	R	S	E	T	N
16	P	A	T	A	N	S	W	E	R	S	E	T
17	R	E	T	E	S	T	L	O	C	A	L	
18	T	A	O	S	O	P	S	P	O	L	A	N
19	P	O	R	O	U	S	P	U	L	A	N	
20	R	E	P	I	T	S	T	O	P	E	N	
21	N	A	O	M	I	S	H	A	P	E	S	
22	T	E	N	D	I	R	E	N	A	T	U	R
23	B	R	E	A	M	N	D	U	P	A	T	
24	S	T	E	M	P	A	M	N	D	U	P	
25	L	O	L	A	U	T	O	P	I	O	N	S
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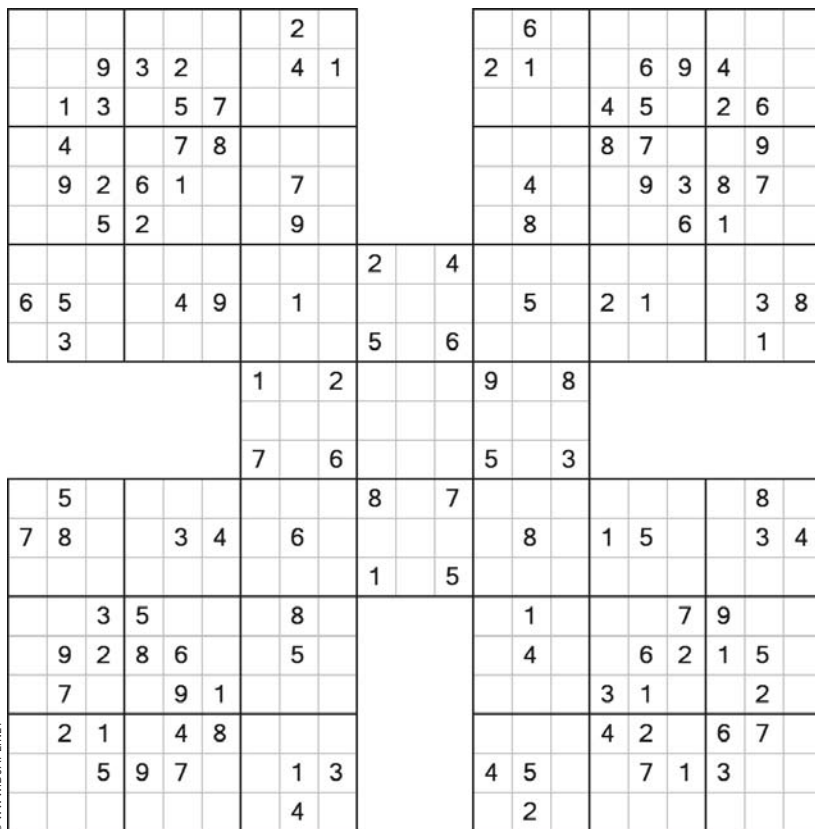
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Samurai Sudoku

DIFFICULT

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.



Last Week's Solution

[illegible]

Today in History

1979 The House of Representatives begins televising its day-to-day business.

1987 U.S. television evangelist Jim Bakker resigns as chairman of his PTL ministry organization amid a sex-and-money scandal involving Jessica Hahn, a former church secretary.

2003 The U.S. launches an attack against Iraq after a deadline for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to go into exile expires.

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**OUTRAGE!****How Dare He Want to Get Paid, Seek Clients?!**

Heidi Montag has fired Aiden Chase, the psychic she hired to replace Spencer Pratt as her manager, *Us-magazine.com* reported. A source said Chase asked for a portion of her "Hills" money and offered his services to Audrina Patridge. "He's this creepy older guy who is clearly preying on these young girls," said the source. (EXPRESS)

Dirtbag Digest**Innards Are 30, Brain Is 11**

Michael Lohan has survived a heart procedure to unclog his arteries. He told *Radaronline.com* that his doctors "told me that inside, I have the body of a 30-year-old, but that I need to go on medication for stress. I've got to keep my stress down." (EXPRESS)

**VENOM****Apropos of Nothing, Laugh at This Bitter Man**

Christie Brinkley has donated the Armani suit she wore to marry fourth husband Peter Cook to the Red Cross for an auction. Cook and Brinkley's divorce was finalized in 2008. "Why would anyone want to buy a wedding dress from someone who has failed at marriage four times?" Cook told *Radaronline.com*. "That would be like choosing the 1976 winless Tampa Bay Buccaneers as your ultimate fantasy football team." (EXPRESS)



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WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING ...**'I May Have Cheated'**

Jesse James says he's sorry for the pain and embarrassment he's caused his wife, Sandra Bullock, and his three children from previous relationships. James told *People* magazine Thursday that he exhibited "poor judgment" and "I deserve everything bad that is coming my way." Tabloid reports surfaced Wednesday alleging that James had been unfaithful to Bullock, who moved out of the house she shared with James on Monday, *People.com* reported. The couple have been married since 2005. (AP)



"But, I mean, she's pretty, you know, standoffish, which is kind of weird."

— MARK BALLAS, A DANCER ON "DANCING WITH THE STARS," ON HIS NEW COLLEAGUE KATE GOSSELIN.

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